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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

 Trade sentiment was generally fully steady to firm. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate, mostly at least moderate. Food service was no less than fair, best into restaurants and for catering services; fast food was fairly good, but slowed in some areas. Supplies were in good balance to well cleared, short for smaller sizes with premiums noted. Truck availability was still an issue and continued to cause product shortages and delivery complications. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderately good. Wings and tenders were more than sufficient with spot discounting reported. Other breast items were close to tight and trading at higher levels, and dark meat cleared satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at irregular weights.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .50 cents to 76.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 64.50 cents last year on May 14, 2003.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	257.00
BREASTS - B/S	242.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	130.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	120.50
LEG QUARTERS	36.50
WINGS	124.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand overall was fair to fairly good, best for retail ads and fast food promotions. Supplies were close balanced to short of full trade needs. Lack of trucks were still a dilemma resulting in product shortages and delivery difficulties. In the parts structure, tenders were fully sufficient and slow to move, and wings were at least adequate with limited interest. The remaining items were balanced to tight and clearing well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderately good. Offerings of the 4 pound birds were adequate to occasionally available. However, the smaller birds were in good balance to sometimes short. Retail and distributive draw was good. The market tone was steady on the 4 pound birds, fully steady to firm on the balance. In the parts complex, bone-in breast items were tight to short. Dark meat items generally continued to clear well. Wings and tenders were irregular but usually adequate to available.

MIDWEST Whole broiler/fryer market tone continued fully steady to firm. Offerings were very limited to adequate with lighter weight birds in short supply. Movement into retail establishments was light to moderate, occasionally fairly good in Ohio. Food service was fairly good into catering; mixed, but slowing into fast food and light to moderate into restaurants. Floor stocks were in a full range with several distributors indicating shortages of small wogs, bone-in and boneless/skinless breasts. Weights were trending heavier than desired. Parts trade was limited, due to product and transportation availability. Breast items, other than wings and tenderloins were wanted and short, dark meat cuts were adequate to in close balance. The market tone was barely steady to weak on wings and tenders, other items were fully steady to firm, mostly firm.

WESTERN The market tone was fully steady to firm. Offerings were in fairly good balance to cover immediate needs. Buying activity was moderate. Retailer demand was moderate to good best where features in progress. Floor stocks generally adequate. Trade sentiment remained weak on wings and fully steady to firm on breasts and leg quarters.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	WEEK ENDING 05/08/04		PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	2004	2003	
EGGS SET	212,557	206,679	+03
CHICKS PLACED	174,628	171,830	+02

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 8, 2004. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 8, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through May 8, 2004 were 3.23 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 19-Jun-04 is estimated at 160.9 million head. This compares to 160.4 million head the previous week and to 161.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 161.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 61.38 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAY 12, 2004

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS					POUNDS				
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	877	234.00-313.00	240-242	246.77	BREAST - B/S	738	234.00-315.00	239-243	247.44
TENDERLOINS	953	229.00-278.00	230-235	236.03	TENDERLOINS	243	220.00-278.00	225-232	232.96
BREAST - LINE RUN	112	125.00-131.00	126-127	126.64	BREAST - LINE RUN	112	122.00-134.00	124-127	127.71
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	145	43.00-57.00	46-47	51.55	LEGS	73	43.00-57.00	43-46	46.18
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	510	33.00-35.00	35	34.33	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	910	33.00-38.00	35-36	35.55
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	848	36.00-40.00	36-38	36.93	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	543	36.00-40.00	37-38	37.16
WINGS (WHOLE)	297	103.00-130.00	103-106	103.56	WINGS (WHOLE)	297	104.00-108.00	106-108	106.86
WINGS (CUT)	674	115.00-128.00	115-119	120.44	WINGS (CUT)	783	111.00-126.00	112-119	117.94
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
73.00 - 78.00	75.21	73.00- 82.50	77.28	76.24

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest for mid-week was fair to moderately good. Offerings of bone-in breast items remained in good balance with premiums noted. B/S breast were usually holding. Tenders were irregular but still softness reported. Dark meat items continued to clear well. Wings were generally available with price concessions noted. Retail and distributive movement was at least moderate. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on bone-in breast, mixed and usually reported as at least steady on dark meat items, but unsettled to weak on wings.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES. MAY 11, 2004

MAY 11, 2004				MAY 12, 2004			
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	240	230.84	788,182	BREAST - B/S	240	233.16	554,321
TENDERLOINS	230-235	228.38	169,210	TENDERLOINS	225-230	228.89	128,270
BREAST - WITH RIBS	124-125	129.94	147,040	BREAST - WITH RIBS	126-127	131.04	133,560
BREAST - LINE RUN	124	126.45	127,480	BREAST - LINE RUN	126	127.21	138,200
LEGS	49-50	46.86	331,915	LEGS	49-50	47.41	285,238
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	36-37	35.92	469,273	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	37-38	36.57	242,389
DRUMSTICKS	39-40	42.77	160,750	DRUMSTICKS	39-40	45.29	116,000
THIGHS	45-46	50.43	119,190	THIGHS	45-46	48.36	86,597
B/S THIGHS	114-115	115.14	98,010	B/S THIGHS	116-117	112.24	68,680
WINGS (WHOLE)	104-105	110.43	170,630	WINGS (WHOLE)	102-103	111.75	181,120
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.06	31,680	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.86	37,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	32.94	16,855	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	30.48	38,560
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	58.69	29,770	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.45	20,000

 INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
ALA	3,938	3,906	4,011	4,166	5.24	5.09	3,878	5.35	
ARK	5,432	5,425	5,262	4,885	5.11	4.76	5,200	5.15	
DELMARVA	2,220	2,238	2,207	2,180	5.68	5.51	2,219	5.71	
KY-LA-TN	2,002	2,053	1,977	1,875	5.00	4.79	1,979	5.04	
MISS	3,019	3,046	2,921	2,997	5.63	5.39	3,098	5.42	
NC	2,468	2,464	2,418	2,798	6.39	6.43	2,444	6.44	
TEXAS	2,453	2,451	2,460	2,465	5.28	5.02	2,511	5.23	
TOTAL	21,532	21,583	21,256	21,366	5.42	5.24	21,329	5.42	
MON-FRI	64,530(A)						64,278 (A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 12-May-04 is estimated to be 32,214,000 head up 0.65 percent from a week ago and up 4.47 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,006,000, last year 30,836,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	95-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	95-105
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	71-81
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	106
	DRY PACK	106-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	107
	DRY PACK	107-109
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	93
	DRY PACK	93-95
DUCKS		162-185

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 15-MAY-04

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	05/15/04 (1)	05/08/04

CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	164,139 (2)	161,957
LT HENS	1,513	1,411
HVY HENS	1,019	1,451
CHECK TOTAL	166,671	164,819

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 15-May-04 is 162.6 million head compared to 157.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.5 million head or 1.9 million more than estimated available. For week of 22-May-04 the estimated available is 162.3 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 05/10/04	183,178	43,465
AM 04/01/04	183,458	41,759
CHG	-280	1,706
PCT CHG	0	4

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	05/10/04	05/03/04	05/12/03	05/10/04	05/03/04	05/12/03
PACIFIC COAST	8,156	7,835	12,030	3,495	3,254	7,624
LOS ANGELES	369	381	136	1,999	1,767	3,375

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF MAY 10, 2004

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	66-71
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	68-77

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**FOR 05/11/04**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.70	.80	.75	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.25	.45	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	5.75	6.00	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	2.50	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.70	1.70	1.24	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.20	1.25	1.24	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.25	8.25	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	10.50	11.50	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	2.50	2.75	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	42						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending May 7, 2004

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Back & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	51.22	110.32	66.98	7.88	11.82	47.28
High	55.16	118.20	74.86	15.76	15.76	47.28
Mostly	53.19	118.20	70.92	11.82	11.82	47.28

SAN JUAN

Low	50.43	110.32	63.04	7.88	7.88	47.28
High	54.37	118.20	70.92	15.76	15.76	47.28
Mostly	52.80	118.20	70.92	11.82	11.82	47.28

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	50.43	110.32	63.04	7.88	11.82	49.25
High	55.16	118.20	70.92	15.76	15.76	49.25
Mostly	53.19	118.20	70.92	11.82	11.82	49.25

BECERRA

Low	51.22	118.20	66.98	7.88	7.88	49.25
High	55.16	126.08	74.86	15.76	15.76	49.25
Mostly	53.19	118.20	70.92	11.82	11.82	49.25

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained good and was sufficient in keeping the bulk of seller offerings in good balance to well cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to light. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 80 to 90 cents. Trade sentiment continued fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, excluding wings and in some instances tenders, supplies were in good balance to well cleared. Wings were irregularly available but at least adequate. Tenders were adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	78-93
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	83.16
NO. OF BOXES	5,898

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

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